GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GOODS TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of incident when a running goods train was divided into two parts in January, 2006 between Alania and Ranwatha road stations in Kota division on Delhi - Kota - Mumbai rail route;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Railways, to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The incident of train parting of goods train (58 wagons loaded) destined to Kota Thermal Power plant occurred at 3.20 hrs on 13.1.06 between Ranwatha road and Alania stations on Kota Division, due to breakage of coupler body of one of the wagons.

The coupler body fracture was 100% fresh and there was no apparent manufacturing defect. The train parting took place due to poor enginemanship of Driver.

(c) Following measures are being taken to check recurrence of such incidents:-

(i) Each case of train parting is thoroughly investigated.
(ii) Drivers involved in train parting are being intensively counseled and retrained to improve their driving skill.
(iii) Overhauling, maintenance and inspection of coupler, and its components is being monitored closely.